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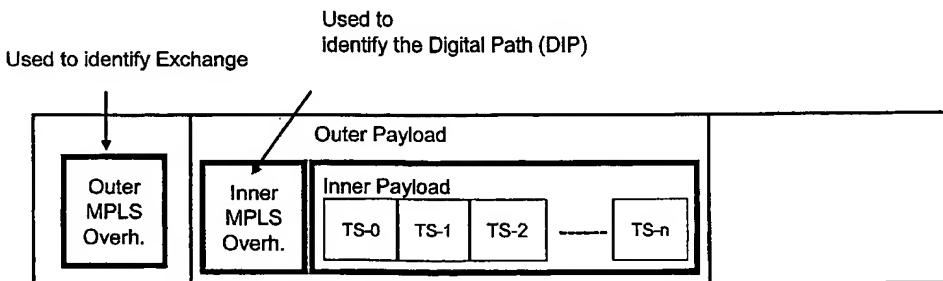
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides a method for transporting TDM traffic through packet switched networks. The nodes of the packet switched network are MPLS adjusted, and the timeslots of a TDM connection are encapsulated in data frames in the transmitting circuit switched node, and added one or more MPLS label(s) by means of the MPLS label stacking concept to identify the fixed path through the packet switched network and to uniquely address the PCM system of the circuit switched receiving node. The present invention is particularly useful for transmission of real-time data traffic through IP network.